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Honorable Charles H. Percy

Dear Senator Percy:

Thank you for referring to us the letter from your constituent, [redacted] who has offered to help investigate a reported attempt to recruit mercenaries for an operation to take place in Africa.

As I am certain you are aware, the CIA is not involved in this sort of operation, but we are naturally concerned about anything which might adversely affect the U.S. policy in Africa. A check of our records shows that [redacted] did indeed communicate with this Agency earlier in the year. We made no response at that time because of the fragmentary nature of his information.

We appreciate [redacted] offer to help investigate this matter, but we would suggest that, as the reported recruitment operation will, at least initially, be of domestic security concern, he contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation and give them any specific information he may have. In accordance with your request, we are returning the enclosure to your correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/
Frederick P. Hitz

Enclosure

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